

ILLNESS IS FATAL TO HERMAN RIDDER

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HERMAN RIDDER.

NEW YORK, November 2.—Herman Ridder, former treasurer of the democratic national committee, and publisher of the New Yorker Staats Zeitung, died suddenly late yesterday at his home in this city.

The cause of Mr. Ridder's death was kidney trouble in an acute form. He had been ill about ten months, and for two weeks past his condition had been critical. He was in his sixty-fifth year.

Members of his family were summoned to the bedside late yesterday when it was seen that he could last but little longer, and were with him when he died.

Was Factor in Politics.

Among a large number of prominent German-American citizens of the United States, Herman Ridder was one of the most conspicuous figures in the newspaper publishing business and in politics. His associates in the publishing business had honored him at one time with the presidency of the American Newspaper Publishers Association, and for many years he held high offices in the Associated Press as treasurer and a director.

Defended Germany in War.
Mr. Ridder was owner and editor of the New Yorker Staats Zeitung, one of the foremost German newspapers in the United States, and through this he was particularly conspicuous recently in his ardent defense of the German position in the European war. Mr. Ridder was one of the so-called "made men," and a New Yorker from birth until his death. The story is told of a dinner which he gave to twenty-five New York men at the time Col. Clowry first established himself in New York to take charge of the Western Union Telegraph Company. A list of birthplaces was taken at the table, just for fun, and the German editor proved to be the only born New Yorker present.

Mr. Ridder was born March 5, 1851. His German parents were not far removed from poverty—so near it that young Ridder began earning his own living when eleven years old as an errand boy in a hat store. By stages he moved in a Wall street broker's office, an employee of a fire insurance company, and then as an insurance agent. At eighteen he had become interested in politics, and at that early age, before he cast his first vote, he stumped the whole lower East Side of New York city and won for his favorite a nomination for district judge, later electing him man.

Started the Catholic News.
He entered the newspaper business when he was twenty-seven years old by establishing the first Roman Catholic newspaper in New York city in German, and soon afterward started the Catholic News in English, which in short time became recognized as a

leading Catholic paper of the country. In 1890 Mr. Ridder became a stockholder in the daily Staats Zeitung, and was elected treasurer and manager. Under his direction that paper assumed a leading position in its field. He became president of the corporation in 1907, and at the time of his death he was publisher of influential morning and afternoon papers in Germany.

Mr. Ridder made several trips abroad, during which he was received by Emperor William of Germany, and he brought back the emperor's enthusiastic wish that he might some day visit the United States.

At the time of the reciprocity negotiations with Canada Mr. Ridder was one of the most vigorous in the denunciation of the "paper trust" prices for news print paper, and it was largely due to the fight which he and others made that cheaper news print paper was obtained.

Was a Loyal American.

Although Mr. Ridder championed Germany's cause in the present war, he always was a loyal American. His motto was "Our country, right or wrong. It is right, to be kept right; if wrong, to be set right."

The funeral will be held from the Church of the Blessed Sacrament here this morning. Burial will be in this city.

MILLIONS OF ANIMALS KILLED UNDER EYE OF U.S.

Department of Agriculture Reveals
Scope of Meat Inspection
Work Last Year.

More than 58,000,000 animals were slaughtered in establishments under federal meat inspection during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1915, according to a statement made public by the Department of Agriculture today.

Of the animals subjected to federal inspection, 239,958 were condemned as unfit for human use, and 644,688 were condemned in part. These figures include only cattle, calves, sheep, goats and swine.

Tuberculosis was the chief cause of condemnation, more than 22,000 carcasses of cattle and 65,000 carcasses of swine were entirely rejected on account of this disease, and in addition parts of 48,000 cattle and 440,000 swine.

Hog cholera was responsible for the next largest loss, nearly 102,000 swine being condemned entirely on this account.

Destroys Trichinae.

In the course of its work, the bureau of animal industry, which is in charge of the meat inspection service, has discovered a new method of destroying trichinae in pork, which is an additional safeguard to human health. Refrigeration at a temperature of five degrees F., or lower, for a period of twenty days will destroy these parasites, it is declared.

In this connection it is interesting to note that more swine were slaughtered in the past year in establishments under federal inspection than ever before. A total of 36,247,958 were inspected at the time of slaughter and approximately 25,900,000 passed for food.

U. S. NOTICES NATIONS.

Clauses in Treaties Conflicting With
Seamen's Law Terminated.

Already the State Department, complying with the direction of Congress, has served notice upon all of the nation with which the United States has treaties which are affected by the seamen's act, that those provisions of the treaties which are in conflict with the terms of the new law will be regarded as terminated. All of the treaties contain provisions requiring a year's notice to make denunciations effective, so that the act cannot apply to foreign vessels generally until the expiration of the year after notice, which was given at approximately the beginning of the present fiscal year.

So far none of the governments addressed has indicated whether it is willing to amend those sections of the treaties which are in conflict with the seamen's act or whether it prefers to allow the entire treaty to lapse, in which case it would be necessary to provide a new convention speedily to insure the continuance of consular and business relations. The case of Great Britain was exceptional for the reason that almost the entire fabric of the consular treaty was affected by the seamen's act, and consequently came the British government's proposal to negotiate a new treaty.

Officer Added to Col. Harts' Staff.

Another officer has been added to the staff of Col. Harts, the engineer officer in charge of public buildings and grounds. He is Second Lieut. John A. Baird, now on duty with the 101st Company, Coast Artillery Corps, Fort Totten, N. Y. He is ordered to report to Col. Harts for assignment to duty and probably will be called on to assist in state functions at the White House, like the other officers attached to the office of public buildings and grounds.

Sailors Undergoing Examination.

Government agents all over the country, including steamboat inspectors, coast guard officers and men and deck officers of the lighthouse service, are busy at the present time conducting the examination of seamen, which are required under the new seamen's act. Secretary Redfield said today that efforts are being made to complete the examinations before tomorrow night, when the seamen's law goes into effect as to American vessels.

TO DRAFT BILLS FOR GREATER MILITARY

Senator Chamberlain Will Begin
Work on Proposed
Measures at Once.

REPRESENTATIVE HAY
TO GIVE ASSISTANCE

Officials of War Department Will
Furnish Data—\$10,000,000 for
Militia Planned.

Senator Chamberlain, chairman of the Senate military affairs committee, has made arrangements to begin drafting a series of bills to carry out the army's part of the administration's national defense program. He has conferred with Secretary Garrison of the War Department, who told Senator Chamberlain that officials of the War Department would give aid in preparing the measures.

It is expected that identical bills will be prepared for introduction in the House and Representative Hay, chairman of the House military affairs committee, will join Senator Chamberlain later in work on the measures.

Three Bills Expected.

The form of the measures will be determined by Senator Chamberlain and Representative Hay, the War Department supplying necessary figures and statistics. It is probable that there will be at least three bills exclusive of the appropriation measures, which will originate in the House as required by the Constitution. One will provide for the proposed increases in the regular army, specifying the additional men and officers for each arm of the service; another will authorize the organization of the continental army, and the third will deal with the wider recognition to be extended to the National Guard.

Congress will be asked, it was learned.

today, to appropriate \$10,000,000 this year for the organized militia of the country, or just about double the average amount asked by the War Department for this purpose during the last few years. The money will go into equipment for the guardsmen, particularly for the special service corps like the artillery, signal corps, aviation, engineers and the like, it is understood.

Continental Army Plans.

The bill providing for the organization of the continental army will distribute this force throughout the country according to population, under present plans. Details of the scheme will be worked out by the two members of Congress with the aid of the War College staff and other army officers. It is understood the War College already has prepared complete plans.

REVENUE OF N. Y. CENTRAL SHOWS RECORD FIGURES

Net Receipts in September Larger
Than in Any Previous September
in History of System.

NEW YORK, November 2.—The net revenue of the New York Central lines for September was the largest for any September in the history of the system and the gross operating revenue was larger by \$51,622 than the preceding record for the same month, which was in 1913, as shown by the monthly report just issued.

Total gross operating revenues for the entire New York Central lines were \$23,115,286, compared with \$25,472,475 in September last year, with \$27,563,664 in the corresponding month in 1913, and \$25,355,612 in September, 1912.

Operating Revenues.

Net operating revenues, after taxes, amounted to \$10,100,247, compared with \$7,125,003 in September a year ago. September, 1913, gave net operating revenues of \$6,560,526, against \$7,535,175 in the same month in 1912.

The New York Central Railroad Company alone showed an increase of \$1,459,326 in gross operating revenues, an increase in net of \$1,734,995, and an increase in net after taxes of \$1,720,390.

COL. J. E. BAXTER RETIRES.

Leaves Active Service in Army,
Which Started in 1877.

Col. John E. Baxter, Quartermaster Corps, has been placed on the retired list of the army on his own application. He was graduated from West Point in June, 1877, being assigned as

an additional second lieutenant to the 19th Infantry. Two weeks later he went to the 8th Infantry as a second lieutenant, and took part in the Little Missouri expedition in 1878. He became a first lieutenant in 1885, and was appointed an assistant quartermaster, with the rank of captain, in 1897. He became a colonel last August. Col. Baxter has served at various posts in

the United States, and he also has been in the Philippines and Japan. Lieut. Col. Moses G. Zailinski and Maj. George H. Penrose, Quartermaster Corps, will be advanced in grade by Col. Baxter's retirement.

While the family of B. F. Bruner was kneeling in prayer for the Rev. J. O. Potts, at Huntington, W. Va., a thief entered the dining room and stole the entire dinner.

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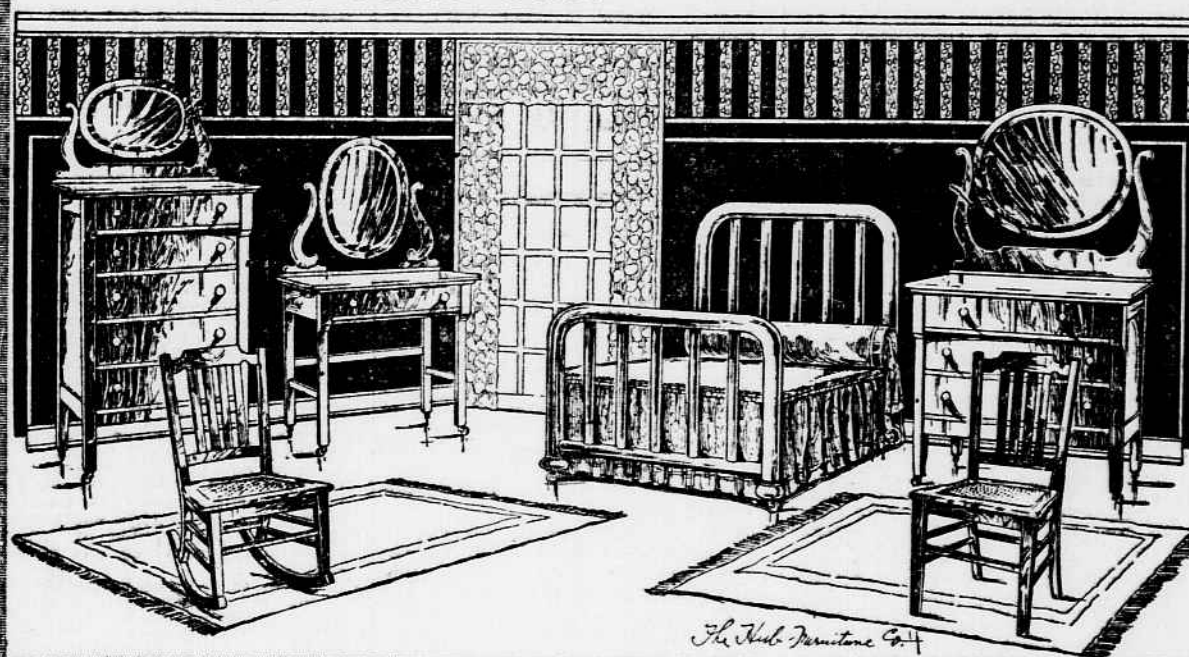
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